

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-91 are pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12, 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27-29, 34-38, 40-46, 49-52, 56, 62, 63, 77-79, 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89-91 are being amended, and claims 3, 13-15, 22, 39, 64 and 68-76 are being canceled, without prejudice against their reintroduction into this or one or more timely filed continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16-21, 23-38, 40-63, 65-67 and 77-91 are pending and under consideration. The amendments of the claims and the Requirement for Restriction are discussed in more detail, below.

II. Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of original claims 3, 13 and 14.

Claim 16 is amended to incorporate the limitation of original claim 22.

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 34-38, 40-46, 49-52, 56, 62, 63, 77-79, 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89-91 are amended for grammatical clarity and/or to correct typographical errors.

Claims 29, 52 and 77-79 are also amended for proper dependency.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

III. Requirement for Restriction

Applicants elect Group I encompassing amended claim 1, a linking claim (as noted on page 11 of the Requirement for Restriction mailed 19 June 2008), which, as amended herein, encompasses claims, 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 14. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in this application in the future, or in one or more timely filed continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

Because the Examiner has restricted between product and process claims, and Applicants have elected Group I, a product claim, Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, upon allowance of a product claim, all claims directed to non-elected process inventions that require all the limitations of the allowable product claim be rejoined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104. Applicants further remind the Examiner that, upon allowance of a linking claim, such as the presently elected claim 1, Applicants are entitled to withdrawal of the restriction requirement and consideration of all claims depending from, or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims are believed to satisfy all of the criteria for patentability and are in condition for Allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore kindly requested.

No fees beyond the fee for a two-month extension of time are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to King & Spalding LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4616.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 590-1932.

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